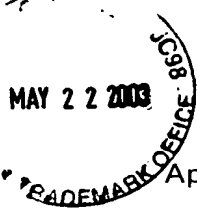


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**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2003, applicants hereby elect Species A, Figures 1a and 1b, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants note that Figures 1a and 1b are identified incorrectly in the Office Action as illustrating a non-reinforced catheter. In fact, catheter 2 is reinforced against compression by reinforced part 14 (see page 6, line 31 - page 7, line 2). In addition, applicants hereby elect the following subspecies: FIXTURE: (c) Figure 5; ENGAGEMENT: (bb) snap-fit; CONNECTOR: (bbb) 4-way valve: Figure 1; and SEALING MEANS: (aaaa) resilient material such as silicone rubber.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, and 12-17 are readable on the elected species and subspecies.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional applications(s) to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected species and subspecies.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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